

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Gordon J. Pike
 Title : SUBMARINE EMERGENCY EVACUATION SYSTEM
 Serial No. : 10/566,770
 Filing Date : September 1, 2006
 Customer No. : 000116
 Docket : 39540

REQUEST FOR REFUND

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Sir:

Applicant is stating herein that the above-identified application was filed as a small entity and is still entitled to small entity status. Enclosed herewith is a copy of our August 28, 2006 letter in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements in which the entitlement to small entity status was emphasized. Our Check No. 68364 for \$900 was enclosed with the application as filed on January 31, 2006. A copy of our Deposit Account No. 16-0820 as debited on August 7, 2006 for \$900 is also enclosed. Thus we have been charged for this application at the large entity rate.

In a telephone conversation on December 6, 2006 with a representative at the PCT Help Desk, we were told to fax this refund request to the attention of the PCT Legal Office. Accordingly, applicant herein respectfully requests a credit in the amount of \$900 to correct the filing fee overcharge.

Applicant is also enclosing a copy of the filing receipt mailed November 28, 2006 which shows the filing fee as received at the large entity rate. Please issue a corrected filing receipt showing the fee at the small entity rate (\$900 filing fee and \$65 late filing fee surcharge).

Respectfully submitted,
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LETTER

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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) dated August 8, 2006, (copy enclosed) applicant encloses herewith the required oath or declaration of the inventors. Applicant notes that this application was filed as a small entity and is still entitled to the small entity status. Accordingly, applicant encloses herewith a check in the amount of \$65.00 to cover the late filing fee surcharge at the small entity rate. *When this application was filed on Jan. 31, 2006, applicant asserted entitlement to small entity status. At this time, applicant again asserts entitlement to small entity status.* If there are any extension fees or other fees required by this communication, please charge any such fees to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. 39540.

Respectfully submitted,

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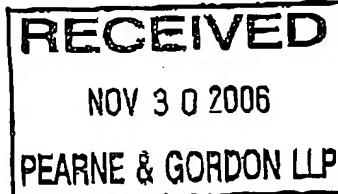
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Title

Submarine emergency evacuation system

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